GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1182
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
. STD TELEPHONE FACILITY IN TRAINS
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the trains on which STD telephone facilities have been provided;

(b) whether the Government are aware that most of these telephones are not being manned properly;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to sublet, the on train STD facility to the private contractors to facilitatethe passengers in a better manner; and

(e) if so, the details thereof? Answer

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

a) A statement is attached.

b) & (c) No complaint regarding improper manning have been reported. However, certain cases where service could not be provided due to equipment becoming defective were reported.

(d) & (e) Presently service is being provided by Railways incollaboration with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) onsome trains and by subletting to cellular operators on remaining trains as given in Part
(ii) of attached statement.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1182 BY SH. RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.3.2000 REGARDING STD TELEPHONE FACILITY IN TRAINS

(a), (d) & (e) Names of trains on which STD telephone facility has been provided by;
i) using INMARSAT telephone supplied by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) and manned by Railway staff.

1. 2951/2952 New Delhi-Mumbai-Rajdhani Express

2. 2953/2954 Hazrat Nizamuddin -Mumbai August Kranti Rajdhani Express

3. 2301/2302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express (via Gaya)

4. 2305/2306 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express (via Patna)

5. 2309/2310 New Delhi-Patna Rajdhani Express 6. 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express

7 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express

8. 2427/2428 New Delhi-Ahmedabad Rajdhani Express

9. 2435/2436 New Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh Rajdhani Express INMARSAT telephone sets under replacement by VSNL.

ii) By using Cellular telephone provided and manned by cellular telephone operators :

1. 2029/2030 New Delhi-Amritsar Swarna Shatabdi Express

2. 2017/2018 New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express

3. 2003/2004 New Delhi-Lucknow Shatabdi Express

4. 2001/2002 New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabdi Express

5. 2005/2006 New Delhi-Kalka Shatabdi Express 6. 2011/2012 New Delhi-Chandigarh Shatabdi Express

7 2013/2014 New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express

8. 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Rajdhani Express

9. 2401/2402 New Delhi-Patna Shramjivi Express 10.2419/2420 New Delhi-Lucknow Gomti Express 11.4257/4258 New Delhi-Varanasi Kashi Vishwanath Express